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TAGS: MTN, EGEN, BR

SUBJECT: US-BRAZIL SUB-GROUP ON TRADE MEETING

REFERENCE: BRASIL 03264

1. IN VIEW OF BOTAFOGO'S COMMENT, WE AGREE WITH OPINION
EXPRESSED IN REFTTEL THAT VISIT OF A WORKING LEVEL GROUP
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TO BRAZIL WOULD NOT BE PRODUCTIVE AT THIS TIME. ACCORDINGLY
WE PROPOSE THAT THIS VISIT SHOULD BE CANCELLED OR POST-
PONED. HOWEVER, WE WISH TO PROCEED WITH THE SUB-GROUP
MEETING AT WHICH WE EXPECT TO MAKE CONCRETE PROGRESS ON
BOTH MTN AND BILATERAL/ARTICLE XXVIII ISSUES. THE MAJOR
FOCUS OF SUB-GROUP MEETING SHOULD BE ON ESTABLISHMENT OF
ADEQUATE US-BRAZIL NEGOTIATING BASIS IN MTN, IN AREAS BOTH

OF PRODUCT SPECIFIC REQUEST/OFFER PROCESS AND BROAD PARTICI-
PATION ON CODE AND OTHER NONTARIFF ISSUES, INCLUDING SUB-
SIDIES/CVD AND FRAMEWORK. YOU SHOULD CORRECT BRAZILIAN
IMPRESSION REFTEL THAT WE ARE NOT PREPARED TO DISCUSS ALL
MTN AREAS WITH THEM AT THIS TIME. WE BELIEVE IT ESSENTIAL
TO HAVE EXCHANGES WITH LDC'S AS WELL AS DC'S PRIOR TO
DETERMINING THE SHAPE OF THE FINAL PACKAGE IN JULY AND CON-
SIDER BRAZIL TO BE ONE OF THE MOST IMPORTANT LDC'S IN THIS
REGARD. BRAZILIANS SHOULD UNDERSTAND THAT WE EXPECT TO

FACILITATE MOVEMENT IN THE FORM OF CONCRETE PROGRESS AND
DEFINITE COMMITMENTS ON FOLLOW-UP STEPS.

2. WE BELIEVE THAT CONCRETE PROGRESS IS IMPORTANT BECAUSE:

1) IN VIEW OF THE HEAVY MTN WORKLOAD IN WASHINGTON AND
GENEVA WE CANNOT AFFORD TO SEND A HIGH LEVEL DELEGATION TO
BRAZIL WITH LITTLE POSSIBILITY OF REAL PROGRESS, 2) THE
TRADE SUBGROUP WAS ESTABLISHED TO PROVIDE A FORUM FOR MEAN-
INGFUL CONSULTATIONS. SIMPLY TO HAVE A CESSION WITH LITTLE
PROGRESS BRINGS INTO QUESTION BASIC NECESSITY OF TRADE
SUB-GROUP. VANCE

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